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on the ball with Jimmy

After our short break in the warmer climes of Southern Spain its back to action this afternoon with a Lancashire derby against our near neighbours Bolton Wanderers.

And I'm hoping this afternoon's match will be the start of history repeating itself!

For the last time the players went away in mid-season they came back to embark on a tremendous run which saw us lose only one of eleven games.

We won eight and drew two and it was that success which helped us to avoid relegation.

If we can repeat that sort of form this time I have no doubt we would achieve our First Division ambitions.

The players trained in the Malaga Stadium, which will be the scene of some of the World Cup matches, and have returned with plenty of confidence.

Naturally they were disappointed before we flew to Spain when we lost the chance of widening the gap on our rivals by unluckily going down by the only goal in the game at Derby.

It was particularly disappointing following our win at Cardiff only a few days earlier. Although we didn't play too well in the first half we never looked like conceding a goal in that game and when we stepped up the pace in the second half we fully deserved to win.

In recent games we have been giving away an early goal and this has had an unsettling effect. But we have worked hard



at putting that right and to lose late on at Derby was an injustice. We had looked very solid and had begun to get on top when they scored a goal out of the blue.

The lads also had a taste of what life would be like in the First Division when we took on Manchester United in a friendly.

A lot of people are still saying we are not good enough for life at the top — but I don't agree. I know United put three goals past us but we held them for an hour and it was only when Kenny Clements came off as a precaution and we had to rearrange the side that we lost it.

But, even in the First Division, we would not be meeting teams of Manchester United's quality every week.

All in all it was a good exercise and, as well as bringing in much needed revenue, it gave our players that little extra experience and I honestly believe it helped us pick up maximum points at Cardiff.

Missing out on all this action, of course, has been Nicky Sinclair who tore knee ligaments in the home game against Crystal Palace back in November.

He has had the plaster off and is recovering well and we are hopeful young Nicky will be pressing for his place before the end of the season.

Well, back to this afternoon's fixture when we extend a welcome to Bolton.

We beat them at Burnden Park earlier in the season but it is never an easy game and we will have to work hard to repeat that success.

Here's hoping that Spanish sun will again do the trick . . .

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TODAY'S MATCH MASCOT



TODAY'S match mascot is nine-year-old Richard Jeffery who lives in Milnrow where he plays soccer for his school team, Crossgates Primary.

His ambition is to become a professional footballer — preferably with Athletic with whom his family have a long-standing link.

Richard's great grandfather Alfred Tetlow was a founder member and one of the original directors of Oldham Athletic and another great grandad, Harry Garland, played for the team when they were still known as Pine Villa.

Richard hopes to see Latics back on the winning trail today and looks forward to the time when they are back in the First Division.

We hope you will give Richard a special cheer today — and remember, if your son or daughter would like to be match mascot, contact the commercial department after the game or ring (061) 652 0966.

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It is remarkable how certain players have an affinity with the F.A. Cup and whatever their fortunes in the League, the Cup is a different matter.

There are examples all over the country, but in this region Wrexham's Dixie McNeil is the most obvious. Dixie's record up to this season was virtually a goal a game in his last 21 Cup ties. As any goalscorer will tell you, that takes some doing!

And then, playing his first game for well over a month against Nottingham Forest in the third round; Dixie scored Wrexham's last goal to round off a remarkable 3-1 win. Dixie told me: "I love Cup football, but I don't think I play any differently, or change my approach in the Cup. I didn't realise what my Cup record was until someone pointed it out last season. Not bad for an old 'un".

Dixie has always been rather guarded about his age, but on one KICK-OFF programme last year he gave us a broad hint. In one of his early appearances for Leicester reserves during the 60's he played against Pat Jennings, who was then playing for Watford reserves. That makes them roughly the same age and Jennings is thirty six. Neither he nor Dixie have any thought about retirement just yet.

I spent an enjoyable evening a short while ago in the company of about two hundred young Wigan Athletic supporters. It was an awards ceremony, with sixty of the youngsters receiving medals and badges from the Coca Cola Super Skills scheme which is run in conjunction with the Football Association.

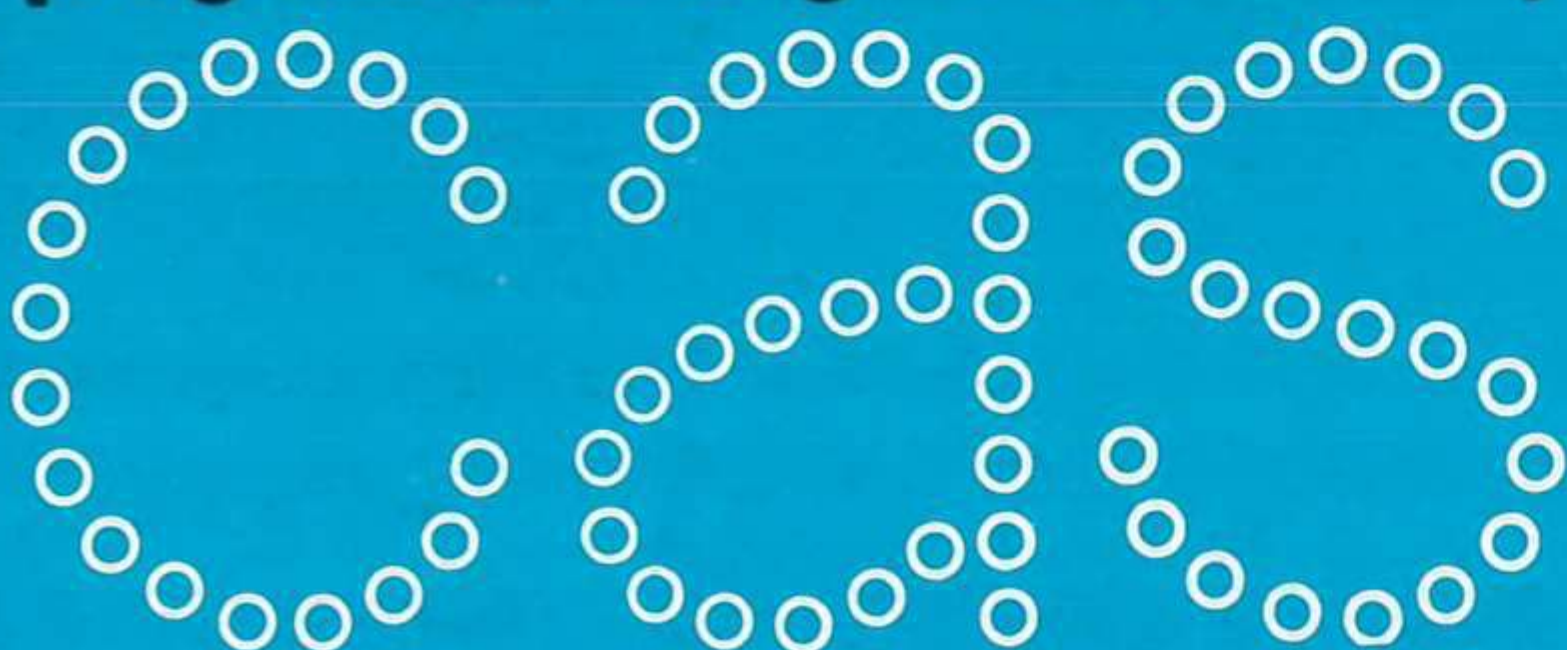
Their enthusiasm certainly proved to me that today's kids are just as keen as we were. There are differences, of course, like more organised football and better incentives. The most important ingredient of all though has not and must not change — enjoyment. And that responsibility rests with the coaches. They seem to have found the right blend at Wigan.

Although they suffered some disappointing setbacks over the holiday period, Oldham Athletic are still one of the leading candidates in the Second Division. If they are promoted, what a marvellous achievement it would be for manager, Jimmy Frizzell who took over when the club were in the Fourth Division.

"Everyone connected with Oldham wants promotion back to the First Division, even though some outsiders feel we might struggle to survive if we make it. But at Oldham we would regard it as a success to stay fourth from bottom in Division One for the first couple of years".

Frizzell continued: "We would have to become established as a First Division side — but we are aware of that. Don't forget people have been saying for years that Oldham won't survive, but we are still progressing".

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Mr. Ashworth (Oldham Athletic's manager to the trainer): You seem to have freshened him up Jimmy. What's his chances for the First Division Stakes?
Hanson (the trainer): Oh, I think he's the pick of the outsiders.

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FROM THE BOARDROOM



To many supporters it was a matter of conjecture that the Directors decision, two years ago, to install undersoil heating to the ground was the correct one.

The fact is that this year has proved that it was a matter of great foresight in that we, amongst the few, have been able to put on matches uninterrupted throughout the six weeks of snow and ice.

When one considers that premier clubs in the First Division of the League could not play because of unfit grounds, we can take particular pride in that we were able to provide football for the Oldham public.

It is an expensive business running the undersoil system but the cost has been kept to the minimum by ground Director, David Brierley and our Secretary Tom Finn, together with a very devoted ground staff.

Finally may I sincerely thank all the supporters who gave us tremendous help in clearing the terraces of snow over the holiday period.

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Two newcomers helping Bolton's fight against relegation are ex-Manchester City man Tony Henry (above left) and former England defender Steve Whitworth (centre). Experienced Alan Gowling (right) has reverted successfully to the attack.

BOLTON WANDERERS — A BRIEF HISTORY

One of the founder members of the Football League, the Wanderers were originally known as Christ Church when they were formed in 1874. In 1877 their present name was adopted and was a name which was to become one of the best known in English football.

The Wanderers moved to their current home at Burnden Park in 1895 after spells at Park Recreation Ground, Cockles Field and Pikes Lane.

They won the first F.A. Cup final to be played at Wembley in 1923 when an estimated 200,000 packed the Empire Stadium to overflowing. They dominated the competition in the Twenties, going on to lift the Cup in 1926 and 1929, but they then had to wait until 1958 for their next major honour when the legendary Nat Lofthouse led them to F.A. Cup glory when they beat the Munich-ravaged Manchester United side.

They won the Second Division Championship in 1908-9 and 1977-78 and the Third Division title in 1972-3.

After being relegated to the Second Division several times in their early days they enjoyed an unbroken First Division spell from 1911-1933.

From 1935 to 1964 the Wanderers remained in the First Division and in 1970-71 they dropped into the Third Division for the first time in their history. Two years later they were promoted as champions.

They won promotion to the First Division at the end of the 1977-78 season as champions, after twice finishing in third place in the Second Division. Relegated to the Second Division in 1980.

LAST Saturday's F.A. Cup fourth round defeat at Crystal Palace, leaves today's opponents Bolton Wanderers with only one major target this season — avoiding relegation.

It has been a season of struggle for our Lancashire neighbours and they go into today's match occupying the third relegation position, with the added disadvantage of having played more matches than any of their closest rivals.

That will not stop them from being dangerous opponents today, just as they were earlier this season when our paths crossed in a tremendous League Cup tie which was finally settled in our favour by Paul Heaton's extra-time winner in the return leg here.

Paul was also on target when we won 2-0 in the Second Division fixture at Burnden Park, so today Athletic are looking for their first League "double" of the season.

Bolton manager George Mulhall, critical of his side's efforts early in the season, must, no doubt, be more encouraged by improved displays recently since his attempts to re-shape the team with new signings and the introduction of some of the club's younger players.

Among the new men at Bolton is TONY HENRY, who will need no introduction to at least four of our players since he, like them, was formerly with Manchester City.

A £125,000 signing from Maine Road, Henry was one of City's unsung heroes in their revival last season and came on as sub in the F.A. Cup final against Spurs in May.

He has already proved his versatility at Bolton by playing full-back (debut against Athletic) and in midfield where he is now an important regular with the knack of popping in goals.

Another important signing has been full-back STEVE WHITWORTH who cost a bargain £25,000 from Sunderland last October. A stylish, experienced defender he has more than 400 League games to his

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credit and was capped seven times by England in his Leicester City days.

He has helped to add more stability to a Wanderers defence in which PAUL JONES is now proving his worth again after a disappointing start to the season.

Jones, a tall, quick-tackling centre-back has been a member of the under-23 and full England squads and is always to be feared when coming forward for corners or set-pieces.

Alongside him, GERRY McELHINNEY is now re-established after injury problems and forwards will always know they have been in a match against this aggressive and enthusiastic player who was a former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer.

The left-back berth this season has, on the whole, gone to MIKE BENNETT, a promising youngster who was a member of the successful England Youth squad which won the 1980 European Youth Championship in East Germany. Bolton-born, he joined Wanderers as a schoolboy and has since made good progress.

The experienced ALAN GOWLING found himself filling a central-defensive role as Bolton suffered injury problems at the start of the season, but has recently reverted with some success to his more familiar role as striker.

Signed for £120,000 from Newcastle three seasons ago, he started his career with Manchester United, then moved to Huddersfield. Wherever he has played, Gowling has earned respect on and off the field and is a leading figure in the Professional Footballers' Association, of which he is the current chairman.

Bolton will be hoping that Gowling's experience will rub off on another promising youngster WAYNE FOSTER.

Recently given his first team chance, Foster has responded with some busy displays and showed with his first League goal against Chelsea a couple of weeks ago that he has the composure and style to make a name for himself.

Supplying some of the ammunition for Gowling and Foster has been JEFF CHANDLER, a lively winger who cost a modest £40,000 from Leeds United in October. Chandler, who began his career with Blackpool, has won international recognition with the Republic of Ireland.

At the opposite end, goalkeeper JIM McDONAGH is in his second spell with Bolton having re-joined them during the summer from Everton where he spent one season. Like Chandler, he is an Eire international.

To supply the midfield link between those Eire men, Bolton can call upon the services of LEN CANTELLO, who cost a club record £350,000 from W.B.A. in 1979. A player who delights in attacking, Cantello has suffered a couple of unfortunate injuries this term.

In his absence, CHRIS THOMPSON and GEOFF LANGLEY have had opportunities. Thompson, who joined Wanders straight from school, became a professional in 1977 and has played for the England Youth side.

Langley is a 19-year-old who made his name as a goal-scorer in the Reserves, while DAVE HOGGAN is pushing for a regular place having won international recognition with the Scottish under-21 squad last season, a year after making his League debut in the First Division at Bristol City.

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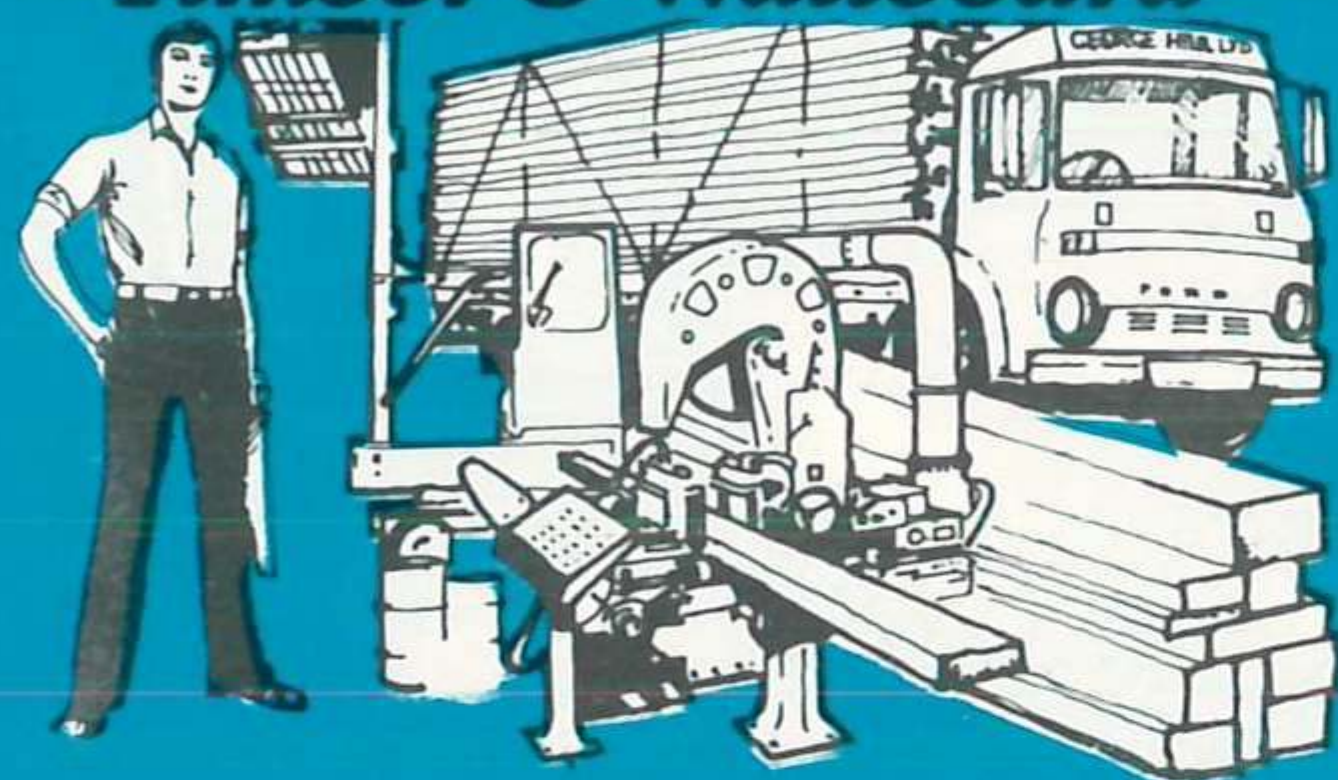
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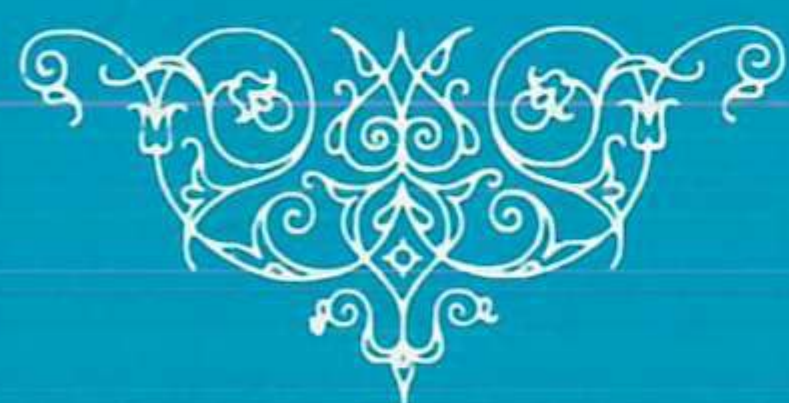
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Profile...

MARTIN NUTTALL



PATIENCE is a virtue which Martin Nuttall has had to learn to display this season while waiting for his chance to stake a first-team claim.

Martin has appeared regularly on the substitute's bench and has been called on several times late in the game. However, he is keen to get a place in a starting line-up to add to the seven senior appearances he made last term.

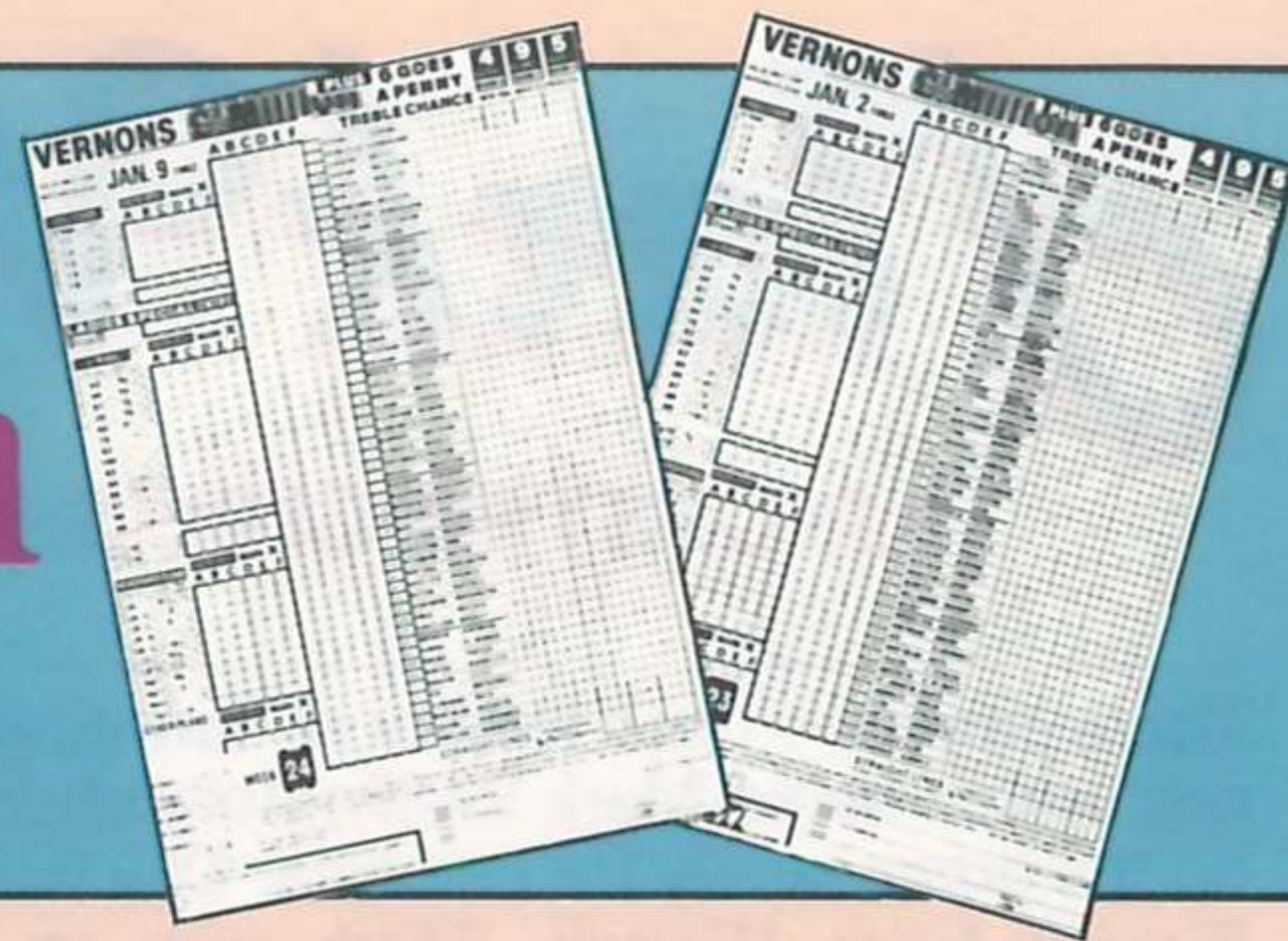
A prolific goalscorer in Reserve-team football, Martin, who is just turned 20, made his league debut in the 3-2 win at Orient 12 months ago and scored his first – and only – senior goal a few weeks later at Cardiff in a 2-0 win.

A Littleborough lad, Martin is yet another product of the club's thriving youth policy and signed professional forms for Athletic on his 18th birthday.

Although he has found it hard to break into the successful side this season, this quiet, unassuming youngster is now regarded as very much part of the first-team squad.

Autograph:

It's time for The League to Perm their own Divi!



THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE should and could become masters of their own destiny if they followed the advice of Stoke City's Commercial Manager Dudley Kernick.

The former Torquay United player acknowledges that "Lotteries have been the saving grace for all League clubs in recent years" but is conscious that this form of fund raising can not be relied upon as a long term means of income and anyway it is only scratching the surface.

"Takings are down at most clubs now," he points out, "because of the recession and the fact that the novelty of the whole thing is beginning to wear thin. We are now into a phase where the national papers are wageing their own Bingo war and this must also affect our sales. That might last for six months or a year who can tell, although in the long term we will come out on top.

"The papers are helping to spread the gospel and reach people who have not previously become involved in lotteries, so when they do cease their circulation battle we might benefit from the spin-off.

"Football clubs are in a strong position in this respect. We killed off the Local Authority lotteries up and down the country and we can handle this competition but in all honesty I think we should be looking much further ahead."

The Stoke City financial wizard is thinking more in terms of the Football League as a corporate body working in harmony together. The 92 League Clubs as one package is worth a fortune in commercial terms and Mr. Kernick feels it is about time the clubs stopped wending their own ways and got down to earning big money as a single organisation.

The bigger the resources the bigger the prizes and therefore the more attractive the product to the potential customer. But it is not the instant lottery ticket that Dudley Kernick sees as the salvation to soccer's financial ills, but the biggest money spinner of them all; the Football Pools.

TAKE OVER

"The first thing we should think about is banning Littlewoods, Vernons and the rest from using our fixtures. They are copyright so there is no problem in doing that," enthuses Kernick.

"Then we should run our own football pools, not just within the confines of our clubs but nationally on the same grand scale as they are operated today. We would need a whole new industry to cope with it, but we have the resources to do this and the massive profits would be ploughed back into the game instead of into commercial enterprises which have been milking our sport all these years."

At the moment each League club benefits by £30,000 a year for the use of their fixtures on the pools coupons but this is a mere tear drop in the ocean of profits accumulated by the company's making up the Pools Promoters Association.

"They make millions" claims Kernick "and if we as the Football League ran our own we could make anything up to £50 million a year."

Split between 92 clubs that is well worth having. No doubt the Pools Promoters would offer alternative attractions to keep their punters, but nothing could compete with the current package. The fact that the clubs used on the pools coupons are national news every day of the week, the results and score flashes are beamed to the nation almost as they happen through the media of radio and television all adds spice to the armchair punters afternoon. . . The Football League fixture list is a goldmine and it is about time the game benefited from this itself.

PARASITES

One might ask what would happen to the clubs commercial managers if this came about? "We would be free to

concentrate on what we should be doing," claims Dudley "and that is selling the game of football.

"We should be marketing the product, helping to get more fans through the turnstiles and trying to utilise our stadia for other promotions. We rely too much on the media giving us free publicity when we should be out selling the game ourselves.

"For instance if we were home to Southampton then I would be out around Stoke selling Kevin Keegan and trying to encourage our public to come and see the captain of England. Things like that."

Dudley Kernick is respected as one of the leaders in his profession and his thoughts on taking over the Pools are well worth considering. He certainly offers a practical solution to a business which is quickly sliding towards bankruptcy while parasites enjoy the profits at football's expense.

The Pools Promoters Association currently enjoy a turnover of some £200 million a year. There is no strict control on the size of the prize money, 40% of which is syphoned off by the Government. At the moment £4 million and that represents just a little over 2%, comes back to the game that is generating the money.

Does that seem fair? Is it right that while clubs big and small struggle for survival the PPA milk the game of millions? The present agreement expires in 1986 so now is the time for the League's administrators to plan their winning line. The 92 clubs must realise their potential as a single commercial unit. . . let's hope they perm it right while they are all still in existence!

Dudley Kernick



Mark Wallington

LEICESTER CITY'S NUMBER ONE

There can have been few more daunting tasks than the one which faced Mark Wallington when he first pulled on the green jersey for Leicester City way back in 1972. Signed from Walsall, Mark was to follow in the footsteps of two of the greatest goalkeepers in the world, Gordon Banks and Peter Shilton who had established a tradition at Filbert Street.

Naturally under the microscope of public opinion as well as professional criticism the young custodian from the backwoods of Lincolnshire tackled the task bravely and confidently and soon won the fans over although it must be admitted that there were some tricky periods in those formative years.

But Mark remained his own man and slowly improved until today he ranks in the top four goalkeepers in the Football League. He recalls: "People used to ask me if I had moulded my game on Shilts (Shilton). Well he taught me no end and I will be forever grateful, but I still stood on my own two feet as Mark Wallington the goalkeeper, and the crowds appreciated that.

"They know there couldn't be another Shilton so why try and emulate him. Emulate his ambition and his good points but adapt them to your own style, that was my philosophy. There are things Peter does that I could never copy just as there are things I do that he couldn't possibly attempt."

Mark also gains invaluable help from Leicester manager Jock Wallace, himself a former goalkeeper of stature and says; "It is nice having a boss who understands my problems although he has his own views and I have mine. But he helps me tidy up my technique and is able to point out things I might not have noticed. He gives me advice to think about — I might discard it although I always consider it first.

SKIPPER

"I consider any bit of advice I can get, be it from someone on the terraces or the boss. I would be a fool not to. It is what you filter from those opinions and make the most of that matters and the big thing is that at the end of it all you must play your own game."

Although not capturing the attention of the media in quite the same way as his two illustrious predecessors, Mark Wallington has been an influential force on the Leicester team for many seasons now, a quality recognised by Jock Wallace who appointed him club captain.

It is an honour which Mark treasures and enthuses "it involves more than just leading the team on the field. Being club captain embraces liaison with the fans, directors, business people in the city and of course your own players... it is everything that I thoroughly enjoy because I like meeting people.

"On the field obviously is where it comes down to the nitty gritty but most organised sides — and we are an organised team — have planned the game before they take the field, with counter moves arranged for various situations should they arise, so it is not too difficult.

"People have suggested to me that communication

with the team must be awkward from goal but it isn't if you have a good understanding with your centrehalf. It is the old adage if you like, of eleven skippers on the field, and luckily we have that attitude, with everybody geeing each other up. There are no superstars here we are all equal once we have pulled the Leicester shirt on. We are a team striving for the same ends. So that makes it easier for me although I must admit I have found difficulty in getting messages through at times when we have played in front of big gates of 40,000 or more. But probably an outfield player would have the same problems under those circumstances... I don't know.

"But I honestly think, and I say this sincerely, that it worked quite well last season and I hope it will work a lot better this season and even better next season."

DETACHED VIEW

Of course there is more to leading a team than just passing on tactical instructions so how does Mark influence his team mates when things are not going as well as they should?

"It is down to pure vocal encouragement and that is the responsibility of us all. From my point of view I have to make the best of situations that develop like a player needing treatment. That gives me the chance to come out and chat to the fullbacks, shout at the central defenders and midfield men and through to the strikers.

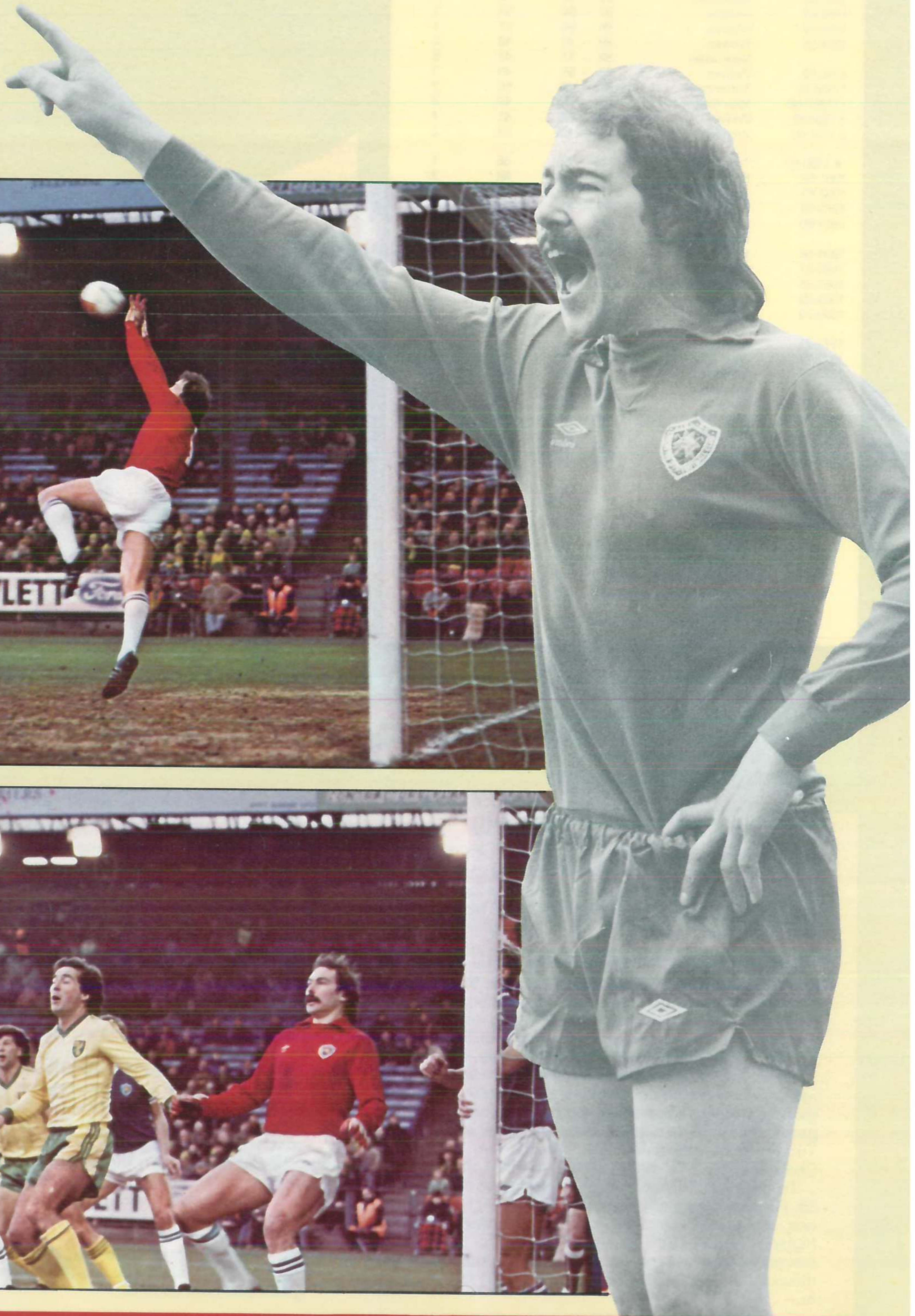
"It is a matter of being enthusiastic. When I took the skipper's armband I was determined to lead by example. It is a principle that is difficult to maintain but I thought 'come on I have probably been made skipper because I am in form and a reliable player, but if that goes then half the captaincy has gone, so whatever happens I must not let it affect my game.' And fortunately it has not so far."

Obviously Mark has to be more aware of what the other players are doing: "Absolutely, but it is a natural thing for a 'keeper to do anyway" he points out keenly. "Goalkeepers get such a detached view of things. We are not in the hub bub of a midfield battle so we are able to sit back and analyse why things are happening or not happening whichever the case. We don't have to pick people up on runs and things like that so we have a little bit of time to take in the play.

"It is something that I have always done, so becoming captain was just a natural progression really and I am proud that I have been given the opportunity."

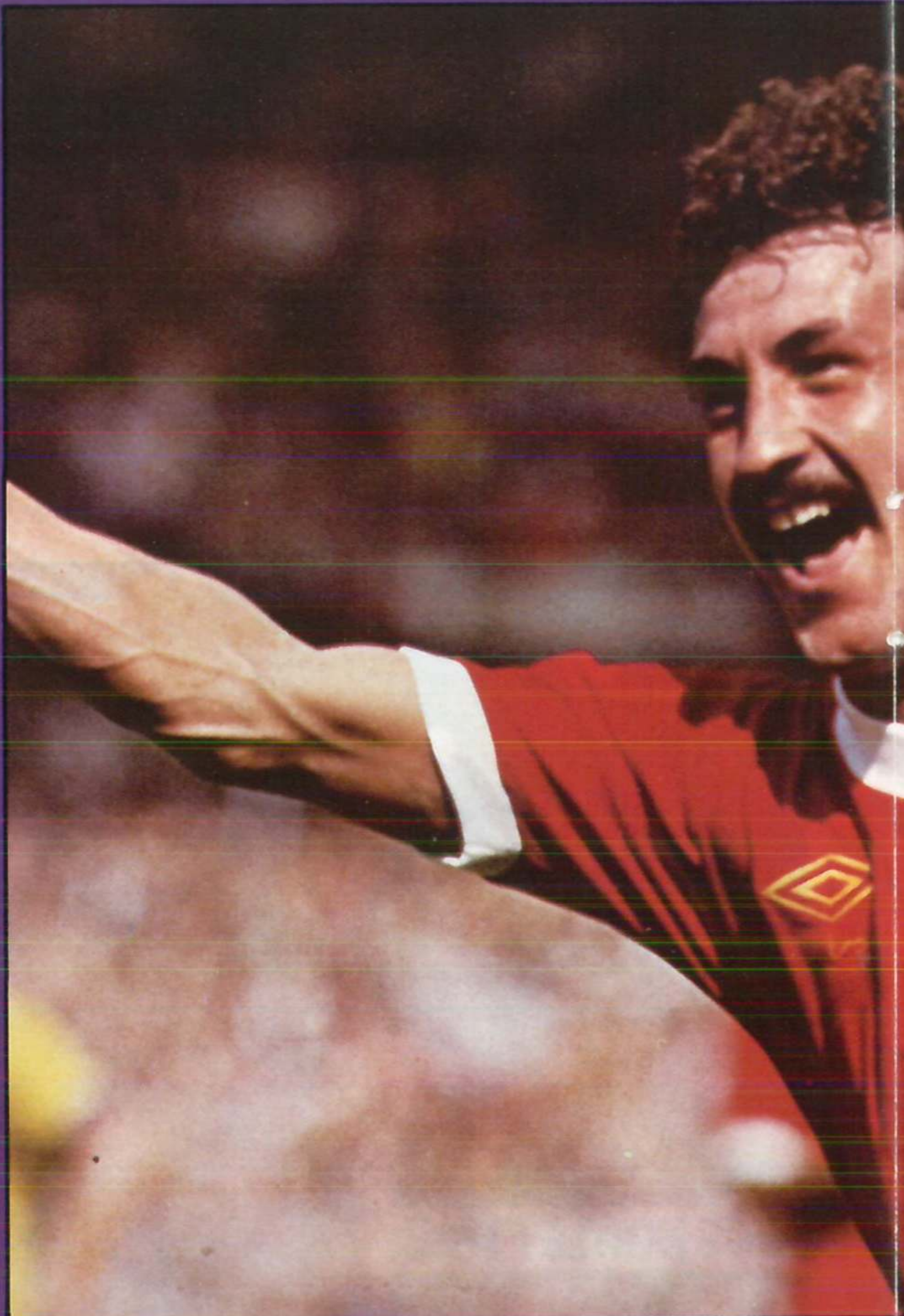
Mark Wallington has proved a good choice. Not only is he a fine custodian but he is a good and inspiring organiser. He is human too, with a romantic Roy of the Rovers concept of the perfect game which he says "Ideally we would win every game by three of four goals with me having to make half-a-dozen great saves to keep us in the game... I am no different to anyone else, I look at the papers and hope that Mark Wallington has got a good mention, although I must admit that I am willing to sacrifice all that for three points."

Player	Goals	Team
Alan Hogg	24	Sheff Wed
John Wark	22	Sheff Wed
John Aldridge	21	Sheff Wed
John Barnes	19	Sheff Wed
John Hartson	18	Sheff Wed
John Doolan	17	Sheff Wed
John O'Hara	16	Sheff Wed
John McGovern	15	Sheff Wed
John O'Sullivan	14	Sheff Wed
John O'Neill	13	Sheff Wed
John O'Brien	12	Sheff Wed
John O'Connell	11	Sheff Wed
John O'Donnell	10	Sheff Wed
John O'Leary	9	Sheff Wed
John O'Keefe	8	Sheff Wed
John O'Connell	7	Sheff Wed
John O'Donnell	6	Sheff Wed
John O'Leary	5	Sheff Wed
John O'Keefe	4	Sheff Wed
John O'Connell	3	Sheff Wed
John O'Donnell	2	Sheff Wed
John O'Leary	1	Sheff Wed



HIGHEST SCORING FIRST DIVISION TEAMS

Season	Club	Goals		Pts	Lge Pos
		F	A		
1946-47	Wolves	98	56	56	3
1947-48	Wolves	83	70	47	5
1948-49	Portsmouth	84	42	58	1
1949-50	Sunderland	83	62	52	3
1950-51	Tottenham	82	44	60	1
1951-52	Newcastle	98	73	45	8
1952-53	Arsenal	97	64	54	1
1954-54	Wolves	96	56	57	1
1954-55	Wolves	89	70	48	2
	Newcastle	89	77	43	8
1955-56	Wolves	89	65	49	3
* 1956-57	Tottenham	104	56	56	2
** 1957-58	Man City	104	100	49	3
† 1958-59	Wolves	110	49	61	1
‡ 1959-60	Wolves	106	67	54	2
★ 1960-61	Tottenham	115	55	66	1
1961-62	Burnley	101	67	53	2
1962-63	Tottenham	111	62	55	2
1963-64	Tottenham	97	81	51	4
1964-65	Man Utd	89	39	61	1
	Chelsea	89	54	56	3
1965-66	WBA	91	69	50	6
1966-67	Man Utd	84	45	60	1
1967-68	Man Utd	89	55	56	2
1968-69	Everton	77	36	57	3
1969-70	Leeds	84	49	57	2
1970-71	Leeds	72	30	64	2
1971-72	Man City	77	45	57	4
1972-73	Liverpool	72	42	60	1
1973-74	Ipswich	67	58	47	4
1974-75	Burnley	68	67	45	10
1975-76	Man Utd	68	42	56	3
1976-77	Man Utd	71	62	47	6
1977-78	Everton	76	45	55	3
1978-79	Liverpool	85	16	68	1 won Ch by 8pts
1979-80	Liverpool	81	30	60	1
1980-81	Ipswich	77	43	56	2
	* Man Utd	103	54	64	1st
	** { Wolves	103	47	61	1st
	{ PNE	100	51	59	2nd
	† Man Utd	103	66	55	2nd
	‡ Man Utd	102	80	45	7th
	★ { Wolves	103	75	57	3rd
	{ Burnley	102	77	51	4th



...football has be

REPORT BY JOHN NOLAN

Through the medium of television our sitting rooms are bombarded every week-end with goals galore as the magic eye not only records the golden moments but beams back action replays and slow motion re-runs. The action is seen from this angle, from that angle, the build-up and final execution is analysed, dissected and discussed.

There is Goal of the Month, Goal of the Season, goals from European and international matches, the whole game is compressed and distorted by technology into a succession of shots, screaming, looping or creeping into the net. It is an extravaganza of make believe an escape from the stark reality of the modern game.

Goals we all agree are a vital ingredient being the realisation of the object of the whole contest, the crowning glory to a weeks hard sweat and training, but in the modern game they are becoming an ever diminishing statistic. Today goals conceded are often more relative to a Championship title than the total number scored.

To underline this point it is interesting to note that of the 35 Football League Championships completed since the war, only 11 have been won by the team scoring the highest number of goals in the First Division that corresponding season, the majority of the sides having missed the jackpot because they have let too many goals in.

A quick glance at the statistics will clearly indicate that this point has been fully appreciated by management and coaches over the past ten years. Contrary to popular opinion it was the middle fifties early sixties which produced the goal boom, although in fairness it must be said, they also conceded many goals in the process. In contrast the seventies provided a comparative goal famine, the highest scoring team in season 1973-74 Ipswich Town for instance, hitting just 67. Meanwhile the goals against column remained very low, Liverpool letting in only 16 goals in their Championship winning season of 1978-79, the best defensive record in the history of the League.

EMPHASIS ON ATTACK

Alas the strategy to concentrate on stopping goals rather than creating them has inhibited the game as a spectator attraction, a point recognised by one national newspaper which has put up £50,000 for distribution among local schools and youth organisations by the first Football League club in the top flight to score 100 goals in a season.

It would seem that their money is pretty safe, for the League ton has proved a formidable target even before the days of massed defences. Yet incredibly it was smashed not less than 14 times between 1956-57 and 1962-63 when Tottenham finished second to Everton having scored 111 goals and conceded 62.



LEADING SCORERS FIRST DIVISION

Season	Player	Club	Goals
1946-47	D. Wescott	(Wolves)	37
1947-48	R. Rooke	(Arsenal)	33
1948-49	W. Moir	(Bolton)	25
1949-50	D. Davies	(Sunderland)	25
1950-51	Stan Mortenson	(Blackpool)	30
1951-52	G. Robledo	(Newcastle)	33
1952-53	C. Wayman	(Preston)	24
1953-54	J. Nicholls	(WBA)	29
	J. Glazzard	(Huddersfield)	29
1954-55	Ronnie Allen	(WBA)	27
1955-56	Nat Lofthouse	(Bolton)	33
1956-57	John Charles	(Leeds)	38
1957-58	Bobby Smith	(Spurs)	36
1958-59	Bobby Smith	(Spurs)	32
	Jimmy Greaves	(Chelsea)	32
1959-60	Dennis Vidlet	(Man Utd)	32
1960-61	Jimmy Greaves	(Chelsea)	41
1961-62	Ray Crawford	(Ipswich)	33
	Derek Kevan	(WBA)	33
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1963-64	Jimmy Greaves	(Spurs)	35
1964-65	Jimmy Greaves	(Spurs)	29
	Andy McEvoy	(Blackburn)	29
1965-66	Roger Hunt	(Liverpool)	30
1966-67	Ron Davies	(Southampton)	37
1967-68	Ron Davies	(Southampton)	28
	George Best	(Man Utd)	28
1968-69	Jimmy Greaves	(Spurs)	27
1969-70	Jeff Astle	(WBA)	25
1970-71	Alistaire Brown	(WBA)	28
1971-72	Francis Lee	(Man City)	33
1972-73	Bryan Robson	(West Ham)	28
1973-74	Mike Channon	(Southampton)	21
1974-75	Malcolm Macdonald	(Newcastle)	21
1975-76	Ted McDougall	(Norwich)	23
1976-77	Malcolm Macdonald	(Arsenal)	25
	Andy Gray	(A. Villa)	25
1977-78	Bob Latchford	(Everton)	30
1978-79	Frank Worthington	(Bolton)	24
1979-80	Phil Boyer	(Southampton)	23
1980-81	Steve Archibald	(Spurs)	20
	Peter Withe	(A. Villa)	20

come goal shy...

One can only conclude that the tactical approach to the game then was such that the emphasis was placed on attack. That was certainly the philosophy of Stan Cullis whose Wolves side broke the ton in four consecutive seasons amassing a total of 422 goals. He used to tell his strikers that he did not want to see them in their own half of the field. Today our forwards are saddled with defensive duties as well as their own, no wonder they do not score so freely.

The emphasis is clearly defined in the scoring averages of the respective decades. In the 1940s the highest teams averaged 87 goals a season. The fifties then produced an avalanche of goals with the ton being smashed quite regularly and the final average rising to 97.5 goals a season.

The sixties also provided a good return with Tottenham leading the way with 115 goals in the season of 1960-61 and the average working out at 93.8. However already the decline was becoming evident following England's World Cup triumph of 1966. The following season Manchester United finished as the top scoring team with 84 goals... the lowest haul for 18 years, and by 1969 the figure had slumped to 77 as the era of iron cast defences began to emerge.

LOW YIELD

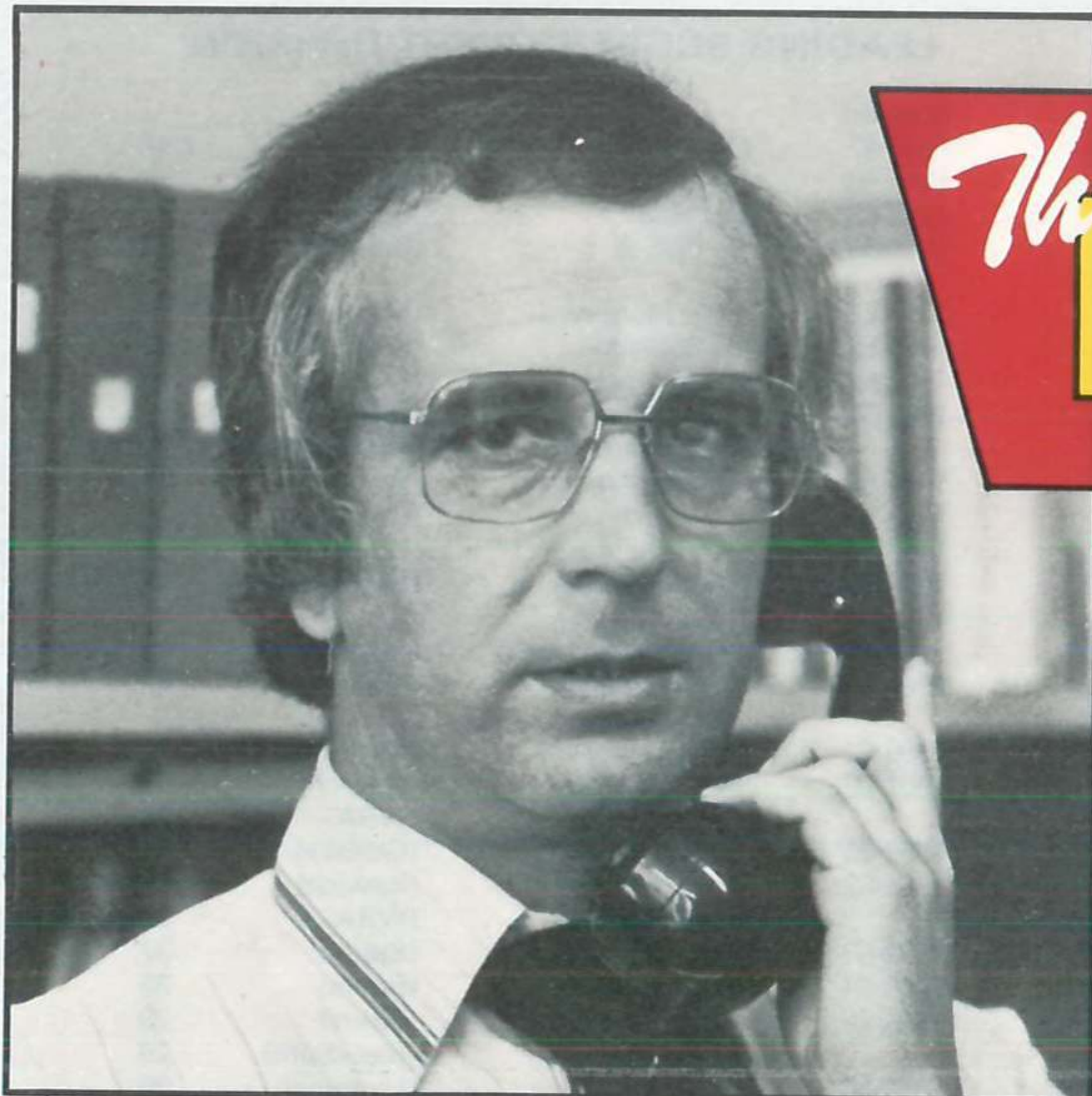
Only twice in the seventies did the leading club net more

than 80 goals in a season — in 1978 and '79 when Liverpool won consecutive Championships with 85 and 81 goals respectively and last season the trend did not alter with Ipswich topping the poll with 77 goals.

The same overall pattern is also discernable from the solo goalscoring records. The leading individual sharpshooters of their day have maintained a pretty constant flow up to the seventies. The leading marksman in the forties averaged 30 goals each, while in the fifties the average was pushed up to 31.4 and in the sixties to 32.3, thanks mainly to the incomparable Jimmy Greaves who notched 41 in 1960-61, an individual post-War record.

Then comes the crunch with the average for the seventies plummeting to a disappointing 25.6 and last season when we entered the eighties Steve Archibald (Tottenham) and Peter Withe (Aston Villa) led the pack with only 20 goals each.

The decline I am sure is not due to a scarcity of players capable of scoring goals but more to a system which is based on fear, the fear of losing. One or two sides have broken away from that rigid concept thank goodness and gained success. Teams like Tottenham and Southampton who allow their talented players freedom to express themselves. If one of them could clinch the Championship then others might follow their style and once more put the goals back into live English football...



The PAUL PARISH page

WHEN IS WINTER?

The national preoccupation with the weather has done very little to solve the inevitable problems that follow severe climatic conditions.

The railways struggle to maintain some semblance of a schedule, the roads become lethal strips of slush and ice . . . and the pools panel are called upon to

adjudicate on what might have happened had there been any football.

It's not strictly true to say that nothing has changed. At least a few Football League clubs have taken steps to beat the elements by installing a variety of pitch warming devices, or, like Queens Park Rangers, installed a synthetic surface that can be easily cleared and does not suffer from frostbite!

When the arctic weather swept across the country in mid-December there were the expected cries for action. More clubs, certainly those in the First Division, should invest in undersoil heating. That was one opinion.

Let's have a midwinter break, others argued.

Familiar cries but still offering highly improbable solutions to the annual problem.

Certainly most continental countries do have a mid-season shutdown but across Europe the weather is more predictable. In England that is not the case.

Indeed the December snow was a real surprise and heavy falls such as we endured in the freezing build up to Christmas had come much earlier than usual. Generally, if there is to be any significant snowfall, it is January and February when we would expect to be hit. Even later, perhaps, for I can recall snow falling at Easter-time on more than one occasion.

So, when do you have your winter break. Stop football in December and you could have bad weather in January — or vice-versa.

So a midwinter shutdown would seem to be



impracticable. Though it should be added that during the height of the December snowstorms it was suggested with some seriousness that the Saturday preceding Christmas should be taken off the football calendar in future.

That had nothing to do with the weather but was a sensible suggestion to combat a Saturday which invariably provides the lowest attendances of the soccer season.

The argument that more clubs should take stronger measures to combat severe cold weather is, on paper at least, a more reasonable suggestion.

There are those who feel that the clubs should be compelled to install undersoil heating at a cost which would be considerably less than the average transfer fee these days.

Yet the clubs who have not taken the steps will argue the point. Even if a pitch is made playable by undersoil heating it doesn't follow that the iced-up terraces will be safe for the paying customer. And, even if it is safe to stand and watch, the cold weather will keep some fans around the warmth of their own homes.

Even undersoil heating doesn't work overtime as Arsenal, pioneers in this particular development, found during December when they were forced to postpone matches.

But, as always, it is the small clubs, who cannot afford to think about undersoil heating, who are made to suffer the most.

While the big clubs can stand — perhaps not afford — to lose revenue through the turnstiles the little clubs are badly hit by postponements.

The bad weather might stop the football, but the players the coaching staff and the administration departments still need to be paid. And when you are operating in the lower divisions the necessary cashflow comes from gate money.

No football. . . no receipts. And with many clubs feeling the chronic effects of the recession the situation can become critical for some teams.

It was made worse this year when the two fixtures over the Christmas Bank Holiday period were savaged by the weather. These days, above all, are important to clubs as the occasions when they expected some of the biggest crowds of the season.

Certainly those clubs that did manage to prepare a suitable playing surface over Christmas were rewarded with decent holiday crowds — which, in itself, was

another argument for not having a winter break during December.

Queens Park Rangers' OmniTurf, as expected, has coped with the bad weather. It took an army of prisoners from nearby Wormwood Scrubs prison to clear the pitch for the Christmas game with Chelsea but the pitch itself played as well as it ever does.

There really is no happy solution to the weather problems. And meanwhile the traditionalists in the game, believe that it is all part and parcel of an English soccer season.

To be champions, it seems, successful sides must cope with the late summer lushness of freshly prepared turf, the ankle deep mud of winter rain, the dry and dusty end-of-season pitches, and, of course, the hazards of ice and snow.

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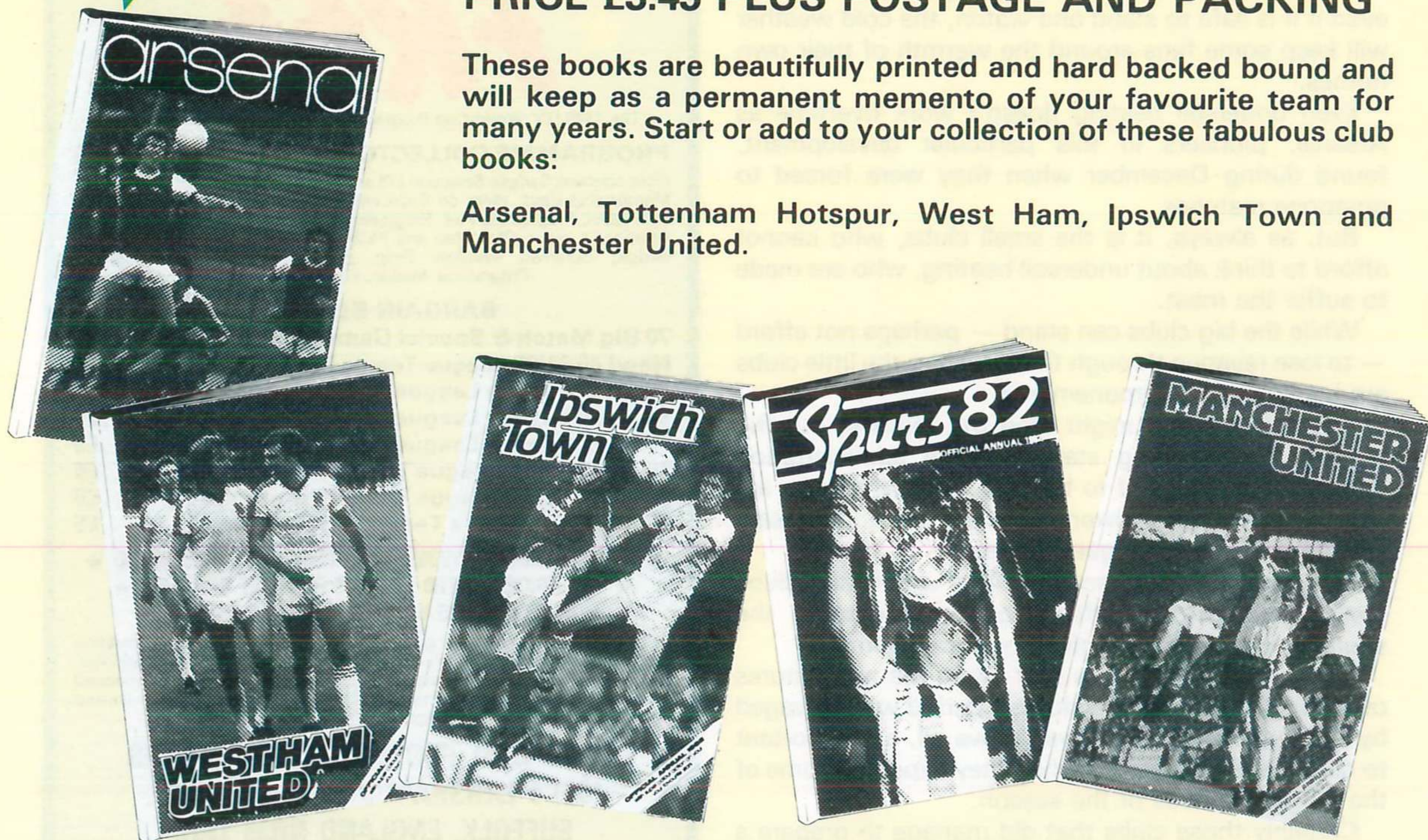


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Mind you, those six include F.A. Cup holders Spurs, League champions Aston Villa, European champions Liverpool, U.E.F.A. Cup kings Ipswich and in-form West Brom!

Still, the Second Division must have a chance of at least a couple of clubs making it to the last eight of this prestigious competition.

One is guaranteed since Leicester City entertain close promotion rivals Watford in what promises to be a cracking all-Second Division tie.

And, at the time of writing, there was the prospect of another two all-Division Two ties. Q.P.R. providing they got by Blackpool, had home advantage over Grimsby.

On top of that, Crystal Palace, if they beat Huddersfield would be at home to Orient.

Also still in there with a shout are Shrewsbury, though their task against Ipswich is daunting, and Norwich, who similarly face a tough trip to West Brom.

From Athletic's point of view, of course, it might be helpful if Watford and Q.P.R. retain an active interest in the cup.

It might just sidetrack them away from League business in which they are among the most serious rivals to Athletic for a promotion place.

It will be interesting to see how the likes of Watford, Q.P.R., Barnsley and Sheffield Wednesday go on in the coming weeks when they make up for some of the matches they missed during the bad weather.

Although Athletic have played more games than most of their rivals, they have, at least, got points in the bag and, if they can pick up a few more, consistently, it increases the pressure on the chasing pack.

Even at this stage of the season, with just over half of the League programme completed, it looks as though the Second Division promotion battle could be one of the tightest finishes for years.

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Sports Hall News

One of the basic aims behind opening our new sports hall and exhibition centre was to provide leisure facilities for members of the general public and not to restrict its use to Athletic players and staff.

We can now offer facilities for five-a-side soccer, basketball, netball, badminton, karate and keep-fit classes. If anyone is interested in any of these sports and feels we can help, please contact me on (061) 652 8248.

Don't forget, also, that the new hall offers an ideal venue for exhibition purposes for all trades, being so well situated just off the M62 motorway link.

Contact me if you want to view the hall.

TONY MOON
Sports Hall Manager

Boundary Park

with Alan Hardy - Editor



FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER

ATHLETIC'S Supporters Association are to hold a five-a-side football competition in the new sports hall on March 21 and March 28 1982.

Entries are invited from teams consisting of a squad of six players. They will compete in four groups of six teams, with two groups playing on March 21 and the other two on March 28.

Each team will play the five other teams in their group once, all group matches being of eight minutes duration. Group matches on the 21st will be played between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and on the 28th between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The winners of the four groups will contest the semi-finals and the final on the 28th with all four teams picking up medals and the winners receiving a trophy.

Entry fee is £12.00 per team and the closing date for applications is February 13. Applications to O.A.F.C. Supporters Association, c/o Boundary Park, Sheepfoot Lane, Oldham.

LATICS SHOP

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DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 29	Cardiff City	H D2-2	4374	McDonnell	Sinclair+	Ryan	Keegan	CLEMENTS	Futcher	Wylde	Atkinson	Steel	PALMER	McDonough	Heaton
Sept. 1	Bolton Wanderers	A L1-2	5156	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	McDonough	Futcher	Wylde	Atkinson	Steel	Palmer	Heaton	Nuttall
Sept. 5	Watford	A D1-1	9018	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	Wylde+	Atkinson	Steel	PALMER	Heaton	McDonough
Sept. 12	Shrewsbury Town	H D1-1	3994	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	Heaton+	Atkinson	Steel	PALMER	McDonough	Nuttall
Sept. 15	Bolton Wanderers	H W4-2	4779	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	WYLDE	Atkinson	Steel	PALMER2	McDonough	HEATON
Sept. 19	Bolton Wanderers	A W2-0	7222	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	HEATON	Atkinson	Steel	PALMER	McDonough	Nuttall
Sept. 22	Queens Park Rangers	H W2-0	6421	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	Heaton	Atkinson+	STEEL 2	Palmer	McDonough	Nuttall
Sept. 26	Cambridge United	H W2-0	4548	McDonnell	Sinclair	Ryan	Keegan	Hoolickin	Futcher	WYLDE	HEATON	Steel	Palmer	McDonough	Nuttall
Oct. 3	Norwich City	A W2-1	13610	McDonnell	Sinclair	Ryan	Keegan	Hoolickin	Futcher	Wylde	HEATON	Steel	Palmer	McDONOUGH	Atkinson
Oct. 6	Newport County	H W1-0	5407	McDonnell	Sinclair	Ryan	Keegan	Hoolickin	Futcher	Wylde	Heaton	Steel	PALMER	McDonough	Clements
Oct. 10	Luton Town	H D1-1	8403	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	WYLDE	Heaton	Steel	Palmer	McDonough	Edwards
Oct. 17	Rotherham United	A W2-1	8034	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Edwards	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	WYLDE-2	Heaton	Steel	Palmer	Atkinson	McDonough
Oct. 20	Charlton Athletic	A L1-3	6575	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Edwards	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	Wylde+	Heaton	STEEL	Palmer	Atkinson	McDonough
Oct. 24	Sheffield Wednesday	A L1-3	17890	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	WYLDE	Heaton	Steel	Palmer	Atkinson	McDonough
Oct. 27	Newport County	A D0-0	4578	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Edwards	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	WYLDE	HEATON	Steel	Palmer	Atkinson	McDonough
Oct. 31	Newcastle United	H W3-1	9010	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Edwards	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	WYLDE	HEATON	STEEL	Palmer	Atkinson	Sinclair
Nov. 7	Barnsley	A L1-3	14918	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Edwards	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	Wylde+	HEATON	STEEL	Palmer	Atkinson	McDonough
Nov. 10	Fulham	H D1-1	6619	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Edwards	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	Wylde+	HEATON	STEEL	Palmer	Atkinson	McDonough
Nov. 14	Cheltenham	H W1-0	9773	McDonnell	Sinclair	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	McDonough	HEATON	STEEL	Palmer	Atkinson	Sinclair
Nov. 17	Fulham	A L0-3	6985	McDonnell	Sinclair	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	Wylde	Heaton	Steel+	McDonough	Atkinson	Nuttall
Nov. 21	Crystal Palace	H D0-0	5581	McDonnell	Sinclair	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	Wylde	Heaton	Steel+	McDonough	Atkinson	Nuttall
Nov. 24	Queens Park Rangers	A D0-0	9477	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	Wylde	Heaton	Steel	McDonough	Atkinson	Nuttall
Nov. 28	Wrexham	A W3-C	4330	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	WYLDE-3	Heaton	Steel	McDonough	Atkinson	Palmer
Dec. 5	Grimsby Town	H W3-1	5907	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	WYLDE	HEATON	STEEL	McDonough	Atkinson	Palmer
Dec. 19	Orient	H W3-2	5005	McDonnell	Edwards	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Hoolickin	Wylde	HEATON 2	STEEL	McDonough	Atkinson	Palmer
Dec. 26	Blackburn Rovers	H L0-3	15845	McDonnell	Edwards+	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Hoolickin	Wylde	Heaton	Steel	McDonough	Atkinson	Palmer
Dec. 28	Leicester City	H D1-1	9174	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	McDonough	Clements	Futcher	WYLDE	Heaton	Steel	Palmer	Atkinson	Nuttall
1982	F.A. Cup 3														
Jan. 2	Watford	H D1-1	7409	McDonnell	Edwards	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	McDonough	Heaton	Steel	PALMER	Atkinson	Nuttall
Jan. 9	Cardiff City	A W1-0	4097	McDonnell	Edwards	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	McDonough	Heaton	Steel	PALMER	Wylde	Nuttall
Jan. 20	Derby County	A L0-1	10171	McDonnell	Edwards	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	Wylde+	Heaton	Steel	PALMER	McDonough	Nuttall
Jan. 23	Bolton Wanderers	H													
Jan. 30	League Cup SF 1														
Feb. 3	Shrewsbury Town	A													
Feb. 6	League Cup SF 2														
Feb. 10	Norwich City	H													
Feb. 13	Norwich City (5)	A													
Feb. 20	Cambridge United	A													
Feb. 27	Luton Town	A													
Mar. 6	Rotherham United (6)	H													
Mar. 13	Sheffield W. (LCF)	H													
Mar. 20	Newcastle United	A													
Mar. 27	Barnsley	H													
April 3	Chelsea (SF)	A													
April 9	Blackburn Rovers	H													
April 10	Leicester City	A													
April 13	Crystal Palace	A													
April 17	Wrexham	H													
April 24	Grimsby Town	A													
May 1	Charlton Athletic	H													
May 4	Derby County	H													
May 8	Orient	H													
May 15	F.A. Cup Final	A													
May 22															

HOME FIXTURES IN CAPITALS • Latics score first • Name in CAPITALS — Scorer • *Figure — No. of Goals • + Denotes substituted player • *Own Goal

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 2

	Home			Goals			Away			Goals			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Luton	20	7	0	2	24	10	7	3	1	20	10	45	
OLDHAM	24	6	6	1	20	13	5	2	4	14	12	41	
Watford	20	5	3	2	18	11	5	2	3	12	13	35	
Blackburn	24	5	2	4	10	7	4	6	3	19	17	35	
Q.P.R.	21	7	3	2	16	6	3	1	5	12	14	34	
Sheffield W.	20	5	3	2	16	14	5	1	4	10	11	34	
Barnsley	20	7	1	1	17	4	3	2	6	16	18	33	
Chelsea	21	5	3	2	16	12	4	3	4	14	17	33	
Charlton	24	6	3	3	19	13	2	4	6	11	20	31	
Norwich	21	6	3	2	16	10	2	1	7	8	20	28	
Newcastle	19	6	2	1	15	5	2	1	7	11	16	27	
Leicester	19	3	4	2	10	7	3	4	3	15	13	26	
Derby Co.	20	5	3	2	15	11	2	1	7	11	22	25	
Cardiff	20	5	1	5	13	16	2	2	5	9	14	24	
Orient	22	4	3	4	13	14	3	0	8	7	15	24	
Crystal P.	18	6	0	4	13	9	1	2	5	2	7	23	
Shrewsbury	18	5	2	2	15	10	1	3	5	4	14	23	
Cambridge	19	5	0	4	15	11	2	1	7	10	18	22	
Rotherham	19	6	1	2	20	9	0	2	8	5	20	21	
Bolton	21	5	2	5	16	17	1	1	7	3	14	21	
Wrexham	19	3	0	6	9	14	2	4	4	12	13	19	
Grimsby	17	1	3	4	9	12	3	2	4	9	17	17	

LEAGUE APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1981-82

Name	League Appearances	League Goals Scored
Atkinson P.G.	20+1 (sub)	1
Clements K.H.	22	
Edwards S.G.	9+1 (sub)	
Futcher P.	22	
Heaton P.J.	23+1 (sub)	9
Hoolickin G.J.	18	
Keegan G.A.	22	
McDonnell P.A.	24	
McDonough D.K.	17+5 (sub)	1
Nuttall M.	11 (sub)	
Palmer R.N.	18+4 (sub)	6
Ryan J.B.	20	
Sinclair N.J.T.	6+1 (sub)	
Steel W.J.	24	6
Wylde R.	19	11

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE 1

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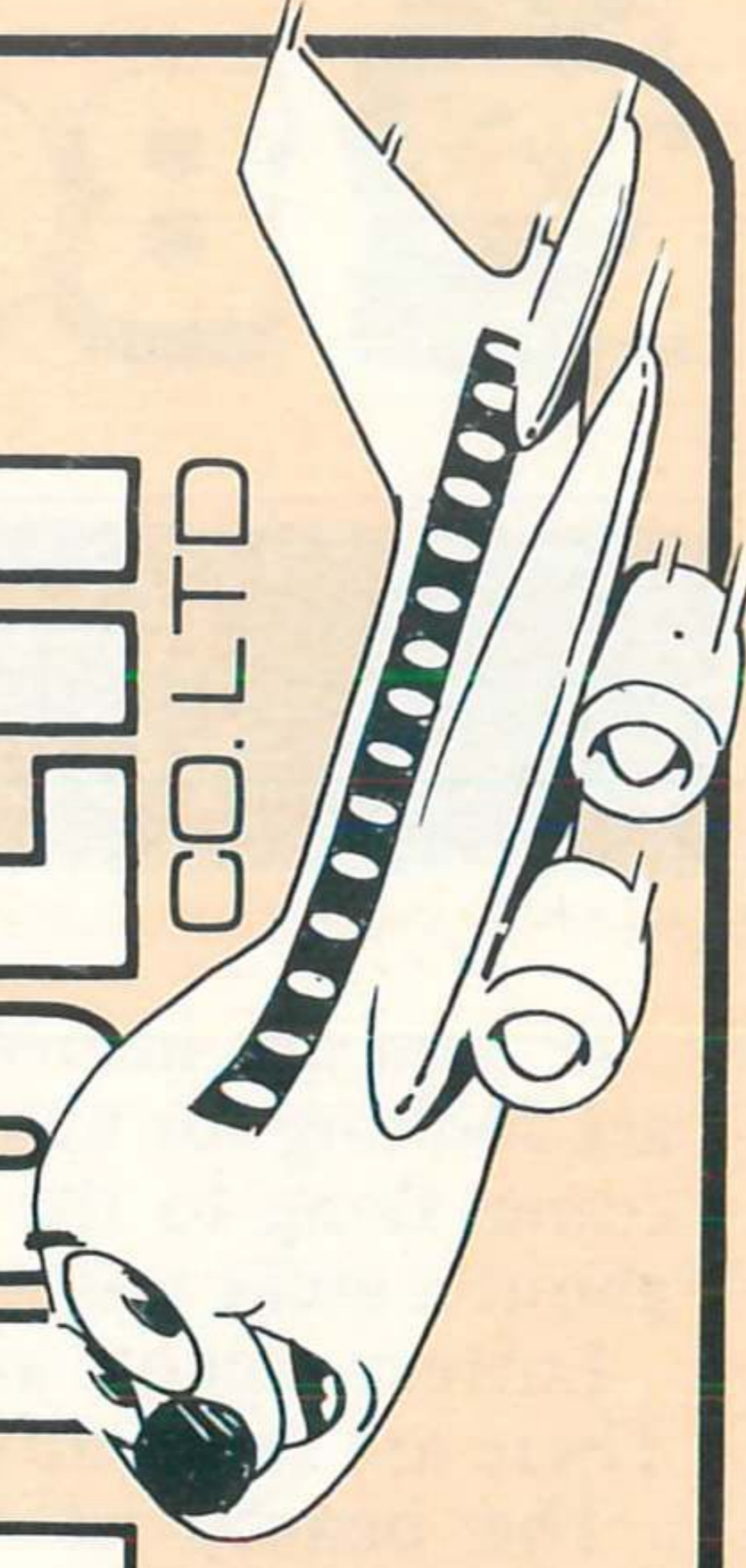
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chorley Res.	13	6	5	2	22	15	17
Carlisle U. Res.	10	7	2	1	23	10	16
Rochdale Res.	12	6	4	2	23	12	16
Wigan A. Res.	11	6	3	2	16	6	15
Tranmere R. Res.	11	7	1	3	20	12	15
Barrow Res.	14	5	5	4	24	20	15
Oldham A. Res.	13	5	5	3	19	17	15

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Saturday, February 20th 1982
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Fare: Members: £4.35
Non-members: £4.75

LUTON v. ATHLETIC
Saturday, February 27th 1982
Departs Boundary Park 10.00 a.m.
Fare: Members: £4.60
Non-members: £5.10

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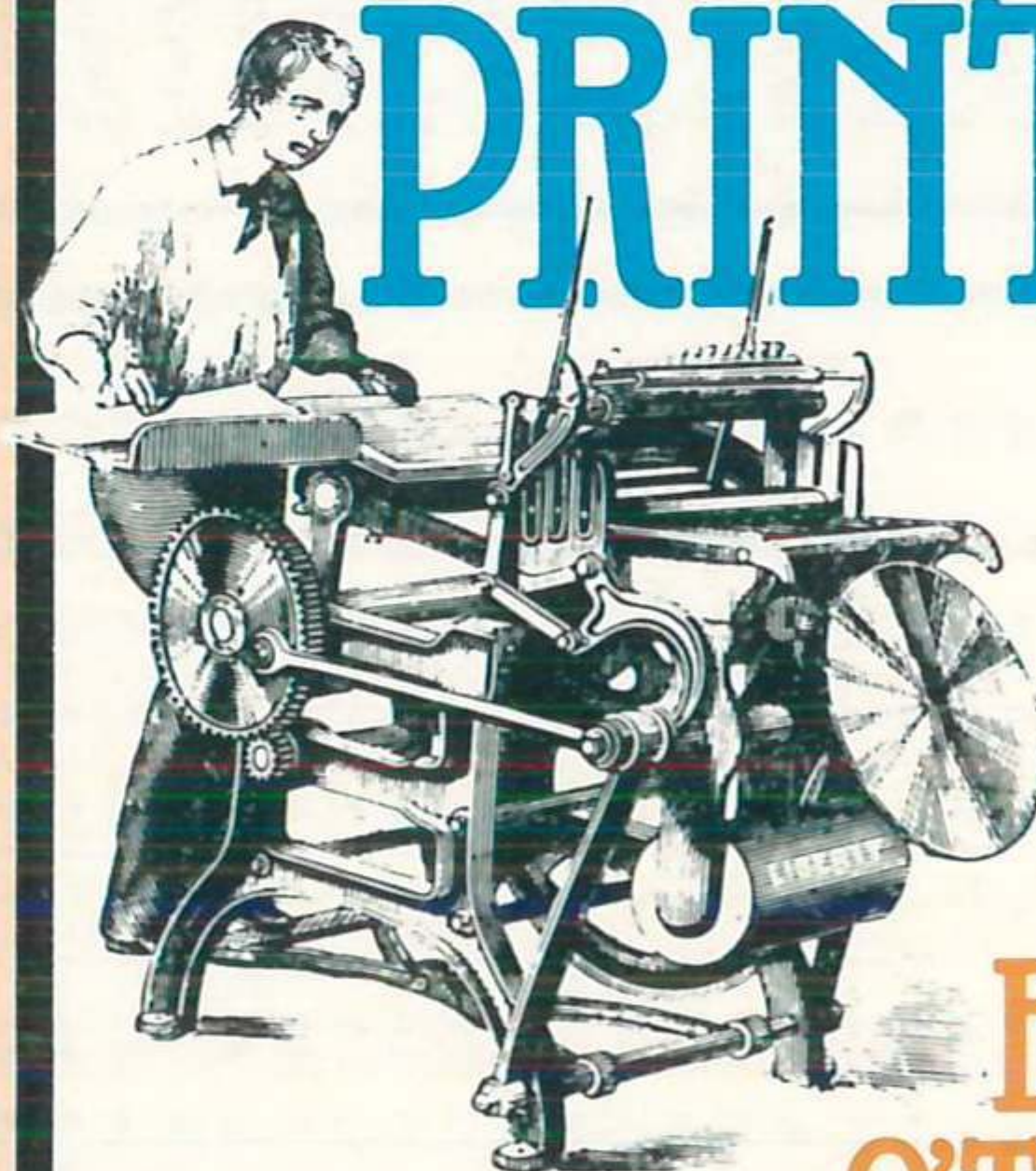
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After Shrewsbury, our next executive coach trip will be to Newcastle on March 20th.

The cost will be £13 which includes two buffet meals and the coach will leave at 11 a.m.

From the Newcastle trip we will operate a book-to-plan system. This means you will be allocated a seat number when you book.

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RESERVES and 'B' TEAM NEWS

Like most clubs, Reserves have been badly hit by the recent Arctic conditions which caused fixtures to be called off all over the country.

But, thanks to the new sports hall at Boundary Park, our players have kept themselves busy and it has been training as usual.

The facilities are tremendous and over the years I am sure its value will be realised with the progress of young players waiting in the wings.

It is the dream of every young player to make the first team — and there is no doubt the new hall will improve their chances of achieving that aim.



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The hall is an added bonus to the youngsters who hope to follow in the footsteps of players like, Darron McDonough, Paul Heaton, Jim Steel, Martin Nuttall, John Ryan and the rest, who have already battled their way into the senior side.

They can't wait to get back into competitive action again and maintain a fine record which has seen them again reaching for the top of the League table.

The "B" team managed to get in a game last Saturday when they entertained Crewe "A". It was a sound performance with the "B" team coming out winners 4-2.

Today, the Reserves travel to Rochdale and the "B" team take on Manchester United "A" at The Cliff.



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CONTROLLING A DROPPING BALL

The ability to control the ball while it is in the air is an essential skill that any youngster must master if he is to improve his game.

It is important, therefore, that young players are given plenty of practice in controlling the ball in the air so that they can develop their techniques.

The ball often arrives at different heights and speeds but the principal remains the same and, if a youngster understands that, he will be in a much better position to deal with all types of service.

A player should first decide which surface of the body he is going to use to control the ball. This decision must be taken early while the ball is in flight, giving the player time

to move into position along the path of the ball.

The most common areas used to control the dropping ball are the chest and the thigh.

In the case of the latter, the thigh is brought up to meet the ball and, when contact is made, the thigh should be lowered to provide a cushioning effect on the ball, making sure that it drops close to your feet.

The same principal of cushioning the ball to take the pace off it applies to whatever part of the body is used to gain control.

Once mastered, the skill of controlling the ball is, in itself, not the end of the exercise. It should be remembered that the whole object is to bring the ball under control

quickly at your feet in order that a pass, shot or dribble can be made.

Therefore, you should have decided what you are going to do next before you have controlled the ball.

As with all basic skills, only good repetitive practice will improve your technique.

It is quite easy to practice this particular type of control by throwing the ball against a wall and trying to catch it, varying the height and speed of the return off the wall, in order to use different parts of the body.

In the modern game, with close marking, the benefits of good control, the ability to instantly "kill" the ball then use it quickly, cannot be over emphasised.

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ATHLETIC

Team Changes

1. Peter McDONNELL
2. Steve EDWARDS
3. John RYAN
4. Ged KEEGAN
5. Kenny CLEMENTS
6. Paul FUTCHER
7. Darron McDONOUGH
8. Paul HEATON
9. Jim STEEL
10. Roger PALMER
11. Rodger WYLDE
12. T.B.A.

BOLTON WANDERERS

Team Changes

1. Jim McDONAGH
2. Steve WHITWORTH
3. Mike BENNETT
4. Tony HENRY
5. Gerry McELHINNEY
6. Paul JONES
7. Jeff CHANDLER
8. Wayne FOSTER
9. Alan GOWLING
10. Len CANTELLO
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DON SHAW, began refereeing in 1964 then graduated via the Crewe and District, Mid-Cheshire and Northern Premier Leagues to the Football League list.

A married man, with two daughters, he enjoys gardening, listening to music and wine making. Past Chairman of the Northern Premier Association of Referees and Linesmen.

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